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personnel; October 8, the British steamship *Hillfern*, in water ballast, for Port Tampa, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel; on the same date the Brazilian steamship *São Paulo* for New York, the first trip of this vessel, with coffee, 15 cabin and 3 steerage passengers, and whole crew signed on in this the home port; October 9, the British steamship *Llangibby*, for Newport News, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the personnel of the crew, and on the same date the British steamship *Norman Prince*, for New York, with coffee, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew.

Mortality reports for the city of Rio de Janeiro.

Week ended October 3, 1909: Total deaths, 227. No deaths nor cases due to yellow fever; 1 new case of smallpox; no cases nor deaths reported due to bubonic plague. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastiao 5 cases of smallpox and 1 case of plague under treatment, and 33 cases of suspicious illness held for further observation.

Week ended October 10, 1909: Total deaths, 247. One case of plague and 2 cases of smallpox reported. At the close of the week there were in the Hospital São Sebastiao 6 cases of smallpox and 1 case of plague under treatment, and 30 cases of suspicious illness held for further observation.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mengis reports:

Week ended October 21.

Present officially estimated population, 10,000. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. The prevailing disease is malaria.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Oct. 15	Belize.....	Mobile.....	17	4	0
16	Belverson.....	New Orleans.....	24	0	2
19	Heredia.....do.....	81	0	8

CHINA.

Report from Amoy—Inspection of vessels—Cholera and plague.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, September 27:

Week ended September 25: One bill of health issued from this office.

September 19 the British steamship *Taisang*, with 65 in the crew and 16 cabin and 30 steerage passengers for Manila, was granted an original bill of health. Two Chinese were rejected, one for trachoma and one